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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS (IMF) GATT PROPOSALS

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1. OUR U.K. MISSION SOURCE (REFTEL (A)) SAID FEBRUARY 27 MEETING BETWEEN METALWORKERS (IMF) AND "LABOR" GOVERNMENTS APPEARS HAVE LAID TO REST PROSPECT THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL INTRODUCE "SOCIAL CLAUSE" INTO THE GATT IN NEAR FUTURE. REPORTEDLY, COLLIANDER OF SWEDEN, SPEAKING FOR NORDICS, STATED SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL CLAUSE PHILOSOPHY BUT SAID THAT GATT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SWEDEN HAD NOT EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF BROACHING MATTER IN ILO WORLD
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EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS SUMMER UNDER EXISTING

AGENDA ITEM, "EMPLOYMENT GROWTH AND BASIC NEEDS."

2. SOURCE SAID OTHER GOVERNMENTS PRESENT TOOK SIMILAR POSITIONS ON GATT FORUM, I.E., THEY FAVORED PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN A SOCIAL CLAUSE BUT NOT FOR DISCUSSION IN GATT. REPORTED CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS DURING FEB 27 MEETING ALSO LEFT IMPRESSION THAT GOVERNMENTS PRESENT FEEL LDCS VIEW PROPOSAL AS PROTECTIONISM IN DISGUISE.

3. FINALLY, SOURCE VENTURED OPINION THAT IMF DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND DDG DID NOT APPEAR PERSUADED TO ABANDON GATT PROPOSAL ENTIRELY BUT RATHER COULD NO LONGER ASSIGN HIGH PRIORITY TO THAT APPROACH.

4. COMMENT: UNDERSTAND TWO EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS ATTENDED FEB 27 MEETING. U.K. SOURCE HAS PROMISED US COPY OF HIS REPORT ON MEETING; WE WILL FORWARD TO WASHINGTON. DALE

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